

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 MAPUTO 00407 011425Z

ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01

INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-06 IO-13 /084 W

-----077025 011434Z /66

P R 011130Z APR 78

FM AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6866

INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMEMBASSY LAGOS PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MAPUTO 0407

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MZ, RH

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF MAJOR ZANU RAID INTO RHODESIA

1. EMBASSY HAS HEARD VOA, BBC AND SABC BROADCASTS ABOUT ALLEGED LARGE SCALE RAID INTO RHODESIA BY ZANU FORCES. REPORTS OF RAID WERE SAID TO HAVE ORIGINATED IN MAPUTO.

2. DURING PAST WEEK, LOCAL PRESS HAS CARRIED ONLY ONE ARTICLE ABOUT ALLEGED MAJOR ZANU INCURSION. ARTICLE WAS BASED ALMOST ENTIRELY ON SALISBURY PRESS RELEASES, DENYING MAJOR ZANU ATTACK TOOK PLACE. LOCAL ZANU OFFICE CLAIMS NOT TO HAVE ISSUED ANY "WAR COMMUNIQUE" RECENTLY AND DENIES KNOWING ABOUT RECENT INCURSION.

3. COMMENT: WHILE WE HAVE NO WAY OF CONFIRMING OR DENYING LARGE SCALE ZANU INFILTRATION INTO RHODESIA, WE ARE SOMEWHAT SKEPTICAL ABOUT THIS OPERATION AND ITS REPORTED MAGNITUDE. WHILE THIS IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MAPUTO 00407 011425Z

IDEAL TIME FOR OPERATION (RAINS ARE STILL FALLING AND ZANU WANTS TO DEMONSTRATE TO FL STATES AND INTERNAL SETTLEMENT GROUP THAT ITS STILL FIGHTING DESPITE INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES), WE DOUBT ZANU LEADERSHIP IS FOCUSING ON MILITARY OPERATIONS AT THIS MOMENT. FOR PAST TWO TO THREE WEEKS, ZANU LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN HUDDLING IN CHIMOIO TO SORT OUT ITS INTERNAL PROBLEMS. ACCORDING TO SOME LOCAL DIPLOMATS, ZANU CENTRAL COMMITTEE IS HOLDING RUMP TRIAL FOR ZANU

DISSIDENTS GUMBO AND HAMADZIRIPI AND REALIGNING ZANU CENTRAL  
COMMITTEE. MUGABE, TEKERE, TONGOGARA KHANGAI AND ALL ZANU LEADERS  
HAE BEEN THERE NON-STOP, WITH EXCEPTION OF SHORT BREAK TO ATTEND  
FL MEETING IN DAR. THUS, WHILE ZANU IS UNDOUBTEDLY CONTINUING TO  
CARRY ON OPERATIONS INSIDE RHODESIA, WE QUESTION WHETHER ZANU  
HAS RECENTLY LAUNCHED A MAJOR ATTACK.  
DE PREE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** ALLEGATIONS, BORDER INCIDENTS, INVASIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 01 apr 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978MAPUTO00407  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780142-0300  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** MAPUTO  
**Handling Restrictions:**  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t197804103/aaaadjyf.tel  
**Line Count:** 69  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 686a35a6-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION AF  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** ONLY  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** ONLY  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 28 apr 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2826656  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** REPORTS OF MAJOR ZANU RAID INTO RHODESIA  
**TAGS:** PBOR, MOPS, MZ, RH, ZANU  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/686a35a6-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014